

# Of Interest to Every Woman

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A LINE O' CHEER  
EACH DAY O' TH' YEAR



BY JOHN.  
REEDICKS.  
BAXTER.

THE HOLLY WREATH

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FOR THE LITTLE ONE



A white plush kitten to cuddle. The pink gloves are soft in their sockets realistically.

THE WAY IT IS DONE  
COUNTS HEAVILY

At no time does the manner of doing a thing count for so much as at the time of Christmas giving. While in many cases there are those who overdo the outward embellishment of gifts, more of us now like to offer the simplest little remembrance unless wrapped in a gauzy paper, tied with gay ribbon, and nestled in the holiday season has gained a great deal of brightness by this multitude of embellished white parcels whisking to and fro.

Pretty Boxes to Be Had.

For a few cents there are to be had boxes of all shapes and sizes covered in paper of a lily or poinsettia, and these greatly enhance the interest of a parcel when unwrapped. In some faraway village or remote country home where such boxes are novelties. First impressions are everything, and that is why these emblematic receptacles are essential for holding the countless additions to the Christmas mail.

The Boxes, handkerchiefs, belt buckles, leather bands, and all similar inexpensive gifts these boxes are entirely adequate, but if something handsomer is desired for holding a costly present there are exquisite boxes covered in French cretonne, brocade and tapestry.

The Hour and the When.

But the attractive appearance of the gift in not all that counts—we must be careful of the how and when also of presenting it.

True that custom more and more expects favors, exchanging of gifts before Christmas, Christmas eve, or even from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, but it is not necessary to be bound to the hour or when the family gathers.

Some families have an unusual and systematic way of remitting presents and a precious moment for distributing them. These put all the gifts in the library or living room, to receive packages later after every individual has had time to peruse the contents of the packages in the presence of the others. This is a good transference, but still follows their unique traditions. In the pile lies one of the singular parcels around plates at the breakfast table, while the larger ones are hidden in the children's room over which is posted this best rhyme in the morning: Of course it takes a little time to get through with breakfast, but the suspense of the day begins.

Never underestimate the importance of the hour and the when. It will be found awaiting the right moment when the eyes are bright, when received in the way the gift makes of strongest appeal to one's imagination.

As to the Money Gift.

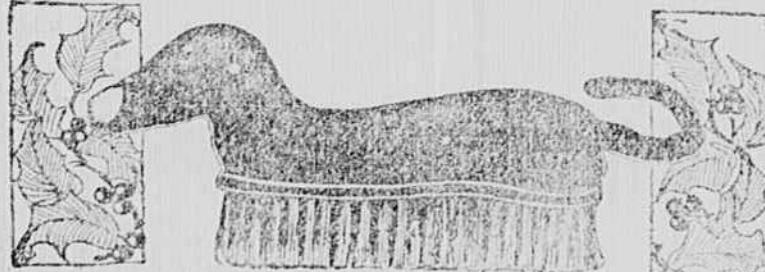
In giving money, even to near relatives, the utmost care should be taken that it in the most delicate way possible.

One of the cleverest ways to do this is to purchase umbrellas, a pair of mittens, and after rolling and tying the belt around the upper part of the handle underneath, along the umbrella over it and the with narrow ribbons which often are tied with the written words, "To my dearest wife."

Another good way to present a attractive little bouquet with a bow or a bill for a bookbunch, writing on its leaf. (See page 16.) Touching the bow which was tied, she finds the hidden new bank note.

Many of the conservative winter coats are made of blue or black zebra.

The tiny swans embroidered waist patterns have most of the work confined to the fronts.



A Christmas Gift for the Grandmother. Dachshund hat brush, with brown plush back to smooth the nap.

## YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

In spite of all the brave resolutions you may have made, you doubtless still have some Christmas shopping to do. Here are some suggestions which ought to make your Christmas shopping easier, both for you and for the people who sell to you.

To begin with don't shop when you are tired out. Rest, if possible, the day before you make an all-day shopping jaunt. Then eat your usual breakfast, or one that is a little heartier than usual. Start in time to catch the train if there is a train, and start out with the firm resolution that you will first buy the things that you need the most and that if you don't have time to finish the shopping, you won't be worried about it.

Eat a suitable lunch in the middle of the day, when you are indulging in an all-day shopping tour. Don't order lobster salad and mince pie and then blench the next day's ill feeling to the fatigue of shopping. Neither must you sit idly on a glass of ice cream sour water, thinking of your favorite sweet, and then think you are going to feel the better for your shopping trip. But eat sensibly—lightly and simply—and you will feel refreshed and rested after lunch.

Dress comfortably when you shop. Wear shoes that are comfortable, not those which are most comfortable. French heels may be well enough for wearing in the house, even for wearing when you are devoting an afternoon to paying calls. But French heels on a shopping tour have no place.

If you wear heavy furs and a heavy coat and must do much shopping in one store, check your wraps when you first go into the store. In this way you will save much strength.

So much for the things that make shopping easier for you. Now for the other side of the story. Don't lose your temper because of delays. In the big and crowded stores delays at this time of year are absolutely unavoidable. There is a growing impatience, apparent enough. And every one in the crowd is as desirous to be waited on as you are. So plan to spend part of the day waiting for change and packages and waiting to attend to your needs. You might as well plan to do what you know you will have to do.

Remember, too, that the salesgirls and salesmen get tired as the day goes' on. They are very anxious if you are courteous and are really trying to do their best. It is to their interest, of course, to hold their positions, which they cannot do if they don't try to please the customers that come to them.

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Few of the stores nowadays in the bigger cities are open in the evenings for Christmas shopping. Most of them close at six and some close at five or half past five. The salespeople are allowed to wait on customers up to a certain time before the closing hour. After that they must work putting away stock until the closing bell rings. And you may be sure the closing bell does not ring until the last piece of stock is prepared, just away. So have the maximum power held by the stores to ring their closing bells on time throughout the Christmas season. Don't rush frantically up to a counter at fifteen minutes before six to buy one or two last things. Stop half an hour before the store closes, and earlier than that if you can manage to do so. There is never a rush in the early morning. You will get better and quicker service, and, therefore, be able to do your shopping with less trouble if you shop early—early in the day and as early in the Christmas season as possible.

At hourly intervals it is well to step out of doors or breathe at an open window.

At any rate, breathe. Few understand how much poison they contain, thanks to impure life.

FOR A WEE PERSON.



This huge, life-size penguin would be a lovely playmate.

## Fashions and Fads

The gold-diffused box purse is very in vogue.

Printed satin canton crepes are much liked.

Cotton silk vests are seen in the new chiffon blouses.

Scratches effects at the foot of the sleeves of garments.

Velvet effects are much in evidence in the new knit coats.

Velvet effects in the new coats are slightly faded, but are very attractive.

Black velvet and satin handbags, useful and useful as well, can be bought at a very low price. They give just the needed touch of black that the French women use for every costume.

Window dressers are busy now making their wares as alluring as possible. Velvet poinsettias and mistletoe that is most natural are used in profusion for trimming. Delicate vines, with bunches of holly at intervals, make a beautiful effect for any window.

White-bordered handkerchiefs are the rage. One inch in the correct measurement. Have you noticed the new Spanish handkerchief? It comes just in time for the opening of the Panama Canal.

The five and ten-cent stores do a thriving trade just now. Many toys for the babies can be bought there, and just as good are they as if they came from the most expensive shop.

The artificial Christmas trees are being sold in big quantities. It goes hard with us to dig down in one pocket every year for a couple of dollars for an evergreen tree. One of these substitutes will last for years, and we will have no Christmas green on our floors to bother us.

These decorations are very attractive on girls' bedroom walls.

Holiday stockings should have a considerate room for mounting.

A general tendency seems to be in favor of dark colors for suits.

Some of the most striking French designs naturally have vests in them.

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Breathe.

—And keep on breathing.

—Don't wait till after Christmas.

—Many are too enthusiastic to breathe.

—They play too hard or they work too hard.

—Deep, even breathing through the nostrils is necessary.

—There should always be sufficient ventilation in a room.

—At hourly intervals it is well to step out of doors or breathe at an open window.

—At any rate, breathe. Few understand how much poison they contain, thanks to impure life.

FOR THE GIRL WHO CROCHETS.



For the Little Maid.

A very smart coat of light gray velours de laine, with belt of black braid. The leggings are of the gray velours de laine.

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MODELED-LEATHER GIFTS

New and Lovely Articles Just Out This Season.

Modeled-leather is seen in many things besides mats, fire-screens, panels, upholstering and pillows. Handbag, coin fobs, card cases, two-fold bill pocketsbooks, cigarette cases, bound albums, photograph cases, cases for travelers' cups, jewel boxes, photograph cases and desk sets are a few of the newer things.

The designs on these are the artistic gamut of things. The stylized tulip, lily, grape, moth, buttonwood, rose, fly-of-the-valley and dragon designs evoke constant admiration, while wheat, poppies and violets are employed in novel ways.

The coin fob is an interesting novelty. It hangs from a wrist strap and is semicircular in shape. The traveling minuet sets are also unique. When told they are oblong in shape, their two flap-covered compartments for parapluemakers facing each other and a covering flap fastening with a clasp catch.

The beauty of the modeled-leather articles is enhanced by the introduction of color in art shades softened and blended with gold. A lovely handbag was slightly tinted with deep American Beauty rose, blended in grooved places with a deep, rich, soft green.

To relieve a cough, roast a lemon very carefully without burning it. When it is thoroughly hot, cut it and squeeze it into a cup containing finely powdered sugar. Take this while it is still hot.

When shutting a door up for a long time, pack the silver in dry flour and keep the forks, knives and spoons together, arranging in layers with flour between. The silver will remain perfectly bright and unmarred.

Silver bracelet, to which is attached a soap holder to hold the crochet cotton.

## HOLIDAY HINTS

### Alphabet of Tiny Tots.



Vittorio-in-Venice  
Sings-a pretty song  
In-his-brother's-gondola  
As they float-along.

It must-be-very-nice-to-live

In-lovely-Italy,

Where-sunshine's-golden, and  
the-skies

Are-blue-as-blue-can-be!

Elizabeth Kirkman.

## THE HOLLOW OF HER HAND

By GEORGE BARR McCUTCHEON.

**Synopsis of Previous Chapters.**  
Challis Wrangler is found dead in a roadside. His widow, accidentally meeting the girl, Hetty Castleton, who had accompanied her home. The girl, the last night before, offers her a home. The two are drawn together by the girl's declaration that she is in love with Challis. The girl goes to England, whither Challis follows her. Hetty, however, agrees to pay the man, because he had given her a chance. Challis, however, loves Hetty, and his love is returned, but she refuses to marry him, telling him the secret that she once posed, as Hetty Glynn, as actress for another artist. Although Mrs. Wrangler is angry over this, she nevertheless follows the girl to England, whither Challis follows her. Hetty claims to have had all the good luck in havin' married him, and she claims to have had all the bad luck in makin' me. Still, as I said before, 'tis not temporary good luck lasts and the bad don't. Shall be off tellin' you so before sun-down. That's all women. You'll find it out for yourself of these days. Mr. Brandon, and ye'll be proud yore a man and can enjoy your luck where ye get it. The bad luck's always fallin' behind ye, and ye can always look forward to the good luck. So don't be downhearted. Shell take you or me name's not what it ought to be.

This was fine philosophy, but Booth deserved the underlying motive.

"Have you been quizzing?"  
“I have,” said Pat. “And I’m quizzed.”

“But I won’t say as much for Mary. The point at me argument is that I have all the good luck in havin’ married her, and she claims to have had all the bad luck in makin’ me. Still, as I said before, ‘tis not temporary good luck lasts and the bad don’t. Shall be off tellin’ you so before sun-down. That’s all women. You’ll find it out for yourself of these days. Mr. Brandon, and ye’ll be proud yore a man and can enjoy your luck where ye get it. The bad luck’s always fallin’ behind ye, and ye can always look forward to the good luck. So don’t be downhearted. Shell take you or me name’s not what it ought to be.”

Booth was inclined to accept this unique discourse as a fair warning sign.

“Take these bags upstairs, Pat,” said he on their arrival at the cottage, “and then come down and drive me over to Mrs. Wrangler’s.”

“Will ye be after stayin’ for lunch with her, Mr. Brandon?”  
“Will ye be after stayin’ for lunch with her, Mr. Brandon?” inquired Pat, climbing into the wheel.

“I can’t answer that question now,” said Pat. “I’m not yet married, but I’m not yet married, either. I’m not yet married, but I’m not yet married, either. I’m not yet married, but I’m not yet married, either. I’m not yet married, but I’m not yet married